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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for USIB Steering  
Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms  
Limitations

REFERENCE : USIB-D-27.5/3, 2 June 1972

The enclosed memorandum from the Chairman of the USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations and its attached Terms of Reference are circulated herewith for the information of the USIB.



Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations--Initial Meeting

REFERENCE: USIB-D-27.5/3, 2 June 1972 (SECRET)

1. The USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations held its initial meeting on Friday, 23 June 1972 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. All members were present.

2. At the meeting the Steering Group approved Terms of Reference for its work (attached) and appointed Howard Stoertz, Jr. of CIA as its Executive Secretary.

3. The Steering Group decided to appoint one Working Group to assist it, comprising representatives of each of the principals. From time to time as required, representatives of other USIB committees and intelligence components will be invited to participate in the deliberations of this Working Group.

4. The Steering Group considered it desirable to move promptly to produce a baseline report on the Status of Soviet Forces Relevant to the SALT Agreements as of 1 July 1972, and directed the Working Group to prepare such a report by the end of July.

(signed)  
Vernon A. Walters  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Chairman

Attachment:  
Terms of Reference

cc: Steering Group Members  
Executive Secretary, USIB  
Executive Secretary, Steering Group

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR USIB STEERING GROUP ON  
MONITORING STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS

1. The USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations (hereafter referred to as the SALT Steering Group) will be chaired by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, with the following members: the Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA; the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; the Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.
2. The SALT Steering Group will be responsible to the Director of Central Intelligence for guidance to and supervision of all intelligence monitoring activities required under the strategic arms limitations agreements with the USSR.
3. Specifically the responsibilities of the SALT Steering Group include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - a. the review of relevant schedules and procedures for monitoring;
  - b. the evaluation of the effectiveness of intelligence coverage and analysis for monitoring;
  - c. the preparation of periodic reports on the status of Soviet compliance;
  - d. the investigation of possible treaty violations or other anomalies;
  - e. the preparation of intelligence materials for possible use in discussions with Soviet representatives in the Standing Consultative Commission;
  - f. the preparation of recommendations for the Director of Central Intelligence.

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4. The SALT Steering Group will function primarily as a supervisory rather than an operating entity and will make maximum use of existing community assets and procedures to carry out its work expeditiously. To this end, it may task existing USIB committees or establish such working groups as the Chairman deems necessary. With respect to those intelligence community components over which Steering Group members do not already have command authority, the Steering Group is authorized to levy requirements and assign priorities as necessary, in coordination with the head of the component concerned.

5. The Central Intelligence Agency will provide the secretariat for the Chairman.

6. Should unreconcilable differences on important matters of procedure or substance arise within the SALT Steering Group, they will be referred to the Director of Central Intelligence for decision. Unreconcilable differences on important matters of substance will be clearly set forth and identified as to origin in any report forwarded by the SALT Steering Group.

7. The SALT Steering Group will report to the Director of Central Intelligence and, through him, to the NSC and other designated officials concerned with the monitoring problem. The State and DIA members of the SALT Steering Group (and their representatives) will continue to support their respective departmental representatives in the Executive Branch coordination process.

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